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## Local reps advocate for cell gap project

Conference gives municipal councillors a chance to air concerns to provincial government

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Politicians from throughout the county made their way to Toronto for the annual Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference, an event where municipal politicians get a chance to partake in lectures, workshops and panel discussions, as well as interact with provincial cabinet ministers and party leaders.

In December, the provincial government announced it was conducting a review of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, which provides annual funding allotments to municipal governments to help offset operating and capital costs, with an indication that the overall spending envelope for the program would decrease.

It is not clear exactly when municipalities will discover what impact the changes to the program will have for them individually, and Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen told the *Echo* those details were not provided at the

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### Making the grade

Leland Kainellos of the Kita No Senshi Karate Dojo exhales during the grading night on Thursday, Jan. 24 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. By the end, Leland earned two stripes on his belt. The young members, who all received their next belt, ranged in age from five to 15 years. See more photos on page 12. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Mural brings memories to life at Highland Wood

JENN WATT

Editor

Residents, visitors and staff at Highland Wood can now take a walk through the countryside, stop to appreciate a gently flowing waterfall or check out the pie cooling in the window of a big, white farmhouse at the end of their corridor.

A new mural underway at the long-term care home in Haliburton is colourful and expansive, bursting with life and filled with intricate details.

Hollyhocks bloom bright red and yellow along a farm fence as cows graze far off in the pasture. A spider spins her web in the barn entrance, perhaps exchanging pleasantries with the horse emerging to enjoy the brilliant blue skies.

The landscape has shifted over the course of the 80 hours Wilberforce artist Luann Coghlan has put into it, taking shape almost on its own.

"I find if you relax and you just let go of control and you just start putting paint on there it seems to come out by itself," said Coghlan, examining her work along with staff from Haliburton Highlands Health Services and a couple of residents.

Emerson Lewis comes out of his room to take a look. He likes to see the bright red car driving off down the road, which reminds him of some antics he got up to

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# Project became 'more than anything we could have expected'

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in a car just like it.

Coghlan has painted a large tree that grows up the wall just outside of Lewis's room, supporting a couple together on a swing. A heart is carved into the trunk, with the initials M.H. + E.L.

Emerson's wife, Marie, died on Jan. 3, just as work on the mural was beginning.

"The morning I started, Marie Lewis had just passed away," Coghlan said, "and so I put their initials on the tree. They'd been married 66 years. She was Marie Hogan, so it's M.H. and Emerson Lewis. I actually said a little prayer."

As people have come to look at the mural, some have asked about the initials, she said, which allows Lewis to talk about his wife.

The idea to paint the mural, replacing the peach-beige coloured walls, came up when volunteer co-ordinator Brigitte Gebauer was talking to Coghlan about offering painting classes. Coghlan offers private instruction. She said before teaching classes, she'd be interested in painting the walls first.

Gebauer was immediately interested and showed her a news story about the Butterfly Home Project in a long-term care home in Peel, which introduced vast changes to make the unit less institutional. Part of that project included painting the halls bright colours.

Coghlan thought a landscape would give residents something to look at, and for some of them looking to go for a walk, it would simulate the act of going outside.

"I know myself if I go for a walk, I want to have a destination to end up at. It makes it more interesting. ... It's nicer to have a destination than to just start out walking," she said.

The mural has become a destination, Michelle Douglas, Highland Wood director of care, said.

"We've had so much positive feedback about it," she said. Residents have started making requests for murals outside their rooms and those with art backgrounds have enjoyed giving their advice and watching the progress.

"We're so thankful to have Luann here and hope she stays for a long time," Douglas said.

Coghlan has been volunteering her time, using paint donated by Algonquin Painting and Cordell Carpet.

Although the images seem to easily flow through Coghlan's paintbrush, she said she has very little formal training and hadn't done much painting until about a year ago.

She said she did some art in high school in Port Colborne and then went to Niagara College in Welland for a year of fine arts. Otherwise, her skills come from being an observer, she said.

"I've been driving for Community Care for 10 years, I drove for the cancer society for four years and seven years for LifeLabs, so I always really paid attention [to the scenery]," she said.

HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer said she was thrilled with how the mural has come together.

"When we first heard about it, we were excited about what it might mean, but I think it's turned into something so much more than anything we could have expected. And I know the engagement with the residents has been tremendous. The staff have been really pleased

... with the work and with having [Coghlan] in the space here," she said.

Plummer said she'd been reading research earlier in the week about the link between the health-care environment and outcomes for patients and residents.

"There are research studies that demonstrate positive effects of artwork in the space people are receiving care or healing. It does have a healing effect for people," she said.

Gebauer, who had been instrumental in getting the process started, said she has a special connection to the work, since her mother lives at Highland Wood.

"I got very excited at the possibilities. With my mom in here, I'm in here all the time. It's been amazing to see this," she said.

Gebauer said she takes her mother for tours to see it, and notices other residents and their family members do, too. It gives them something to think about and talk to each other about – and it triggers memories.

Coghlan said choosing a farm as her first mural was partially an effort to create a landscape residents, often in their 80s and 90s, would remember.

"I knew everybody probably came from a farm background [and] farms are always charming and familiar with people and homey. That was the beginning of the idea for a farm. I wanted the residents to be able to relate to it," she said.

The mural project is ongoing, with Coghlan already brainstorming concepts for other sections of the home.

Plummer and Gebauer said they are keen to have other artists join in. There is plenty peach-beige wall remaining.

Those interested in donating to beautify Highland Wood, or who would like to volunteer, can contact Brigitte Gebauer at [BGebauer@hhhs.ca](mailto:BGebauer@hhhs.ca), or call 705-457-1392 ext. 2927.

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Some of the people who know the mural best come together for a photo at Highland Wood. From left, Luann Coghlan, John Daville, Carolyn Plummer, Brigitte Gebauer and Charleen Daville. /JENN WATT Staff



Emerson Lewis sits in front of the new mural at Highland Wood. The artist, Luann Coghlan, inserted a detail special to Emerson and his wife, Marie, who recently died. On the tree, she placed their initials: M.H. for Marie and E.L. for Emerson.



A detail from the mural.

# Fundraiser asks residents to sleep in cars

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A planned fundraiser will ask county residents to spend a night in their vehicles to raise awareness of, and funds to combat, homelessness in Haliburton County.

Homelessness exists in Haliburton County. It's a type of homelessness that doesn't resemble the typical version one might see on television, or on the streets of downtown Toronto, with people sleeping on pieces of cardboard along busy sidewalks.

Rather, the county's homeless population is part of what is often referred to as the "hidden homeless," people with no place of their own to go, who stay with friends, couch surf, or live out of vehicles.

"First choice is friends' houses, and then when that wears out, they probably go to vehicles of various sorts," says Fay Martin, founder of non-profit housing organization Places for People. "Cars are one, RVs, trailers . . . so, the car is kind of iconic."

In 2016, Martin conducted research on rural, hidden homelessness by interviewing 10 people living in the county in such

conditions. One was a young woman in her 20s, whose name was "Susie" for the purposes of the study, who recalled her experience of finding herself sleeping in a car after she and her brother had left their mother's home to escape an abusive step-father.

Susie went first to a trailer on her mother's property, and then tried couch surfing for a while. However, as Martin points out, the Children's Aid Society has restrictions about accommodations that do not include one's own room, etc.

From there, Susie and her brother stayed with a friend in Barrie for a year, before returning to the county.

"They put her in a motel, a local motel," Martin says. "The issue was she had a dog." That dog was a comfort to Susie, and sleeping without the animal was non-negotiable. So, her brother brought his car to the motel, and he would sleep in the motel room, while Susie slept in the car with her dog.

"And then, that got de-funded," Martin says, explaining that situation ended when social services agency A Place Called Home ceased some of the services it had provided in Haliburton County.

From the motel, Susie went to live in an

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*First choice [for those experiencing homelessness] is friends' houses, and then when that wears out, they probably go to vehicles of various sorts.*

— Fay Martin

RV located on the property of parents of a friend of hers.

"It's probably a fairly typical story, because young people are most at risk for sleeping in a car," Martin says, adding part of this is because of the accommodation restrictions that are placed on them. We know anecdotally there's a huge youth problem here. We don't have very many numbers."

Pinning down exact numbers of people facing homelessness in the county is a challenge.

"In terms of numbers of individuals who are experiencing homelessness in Haliburton County, our By Name List (a real time list of individuals and families we know to be experiencing homelessness) has the names of 13 households who are experiencing homelessness," Jocelyn Blazey, homelessness system resource co-ordinator for the county and City of Kawartha Lakes, told the paper in an email. "This includes those who are couch surfing, staying in temporary accommo-

dation and a few who have been known to sleep outside. Since we created our By Name List (BNL) in 2016, however, we have identified a total of 57 households who have at some point experienced homelessness in Haliburton County.

"As you can tell from the numbers, there are a significant number of people who have been homeless in Haliburton County in the last two years. We have been doing some concerted work over the last year or so in building our Coordinated Entry Response in an effort to better identify and support individuals who are homeless.

"Of the 57 individuals identified in the last two years, some of them have moved out of the area and others have been successful in finding housing. While the BNL is a list of names, it does provide us with person-specific information that allows us to better support individuals, as we recognize that everyone is different, as is their experience of homelessness."

The fundraiser Martin is organizing is scheduled to take place overnight on Friday, March 1. The idea is to have three concurrent events – one in Haliburton Village, one in Minden, one in Wilberforce – where residents will gather, partake in some programming that might include music and bonfires, before hopping into their vehicles with their bedding for the night.

Martin is hoping to host the events at the public facilities with public buildings that participants will be able to use for their washrooms and as warming stations, if required.

"The next day, we're going to do some kind of reflection circle of some sort," Martin says.

## Food tourism, cannabis legislation among topics

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conference.

"It was evident during the conference that OMPF funding in particular is on the minds of all communities as we work on our budgets," Danielsen said in an email. "While it is an urgent matter for our four municipalities given that the funding equals as much as 25 per cent of our overall revenues, other communities rely on as much as 77 per cent of their budgets from OMPF. The loss of that much funding would be devastating. Unfortunately, we were unable to get any commitment from the province on the timing of their review and decision but we did hear that rural and northern remained the province's focus."

The program's initial focus was essentially to provide equalization payments to the province's smaller, poorer municipalities, but has grown over time to a more general municipal funding stream.

Danielsen, along with other county politicians, partook in delegations to ministers regarding issues of importance to the Haliburton Highlands.

"I participated in several meetings with Minister [Steve] Clarke and others (including a session with Andrea Horwath, leader of the opposition) to stress the need for funding for the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's cell gap project, for a fair decision/resolution to the province's review of OMPF funding for rural and northern communities, for reduction of reporting requirements and red tape as well as assistance in funding housing for families at all income levels across the province," Danielsen said in her email.

Among the sessions Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts attended was one on food tourism.

"I went to a session on food tourism, which is a priority at the county," Roberts said in an email. "We heard an update on cannabis legislation as well as some general information from MPP Ernie Hardeman, OMAFRA and the theme that

Ontario is open for business. The government wants to remove red tape but maintain public health and safety.

We heard from Premier Ford and his message is that rural Ontario matters. 'Toronto is a bubble, rural Ontario is the real world.' The minister's forum is always a packed room where the ministers take questions from the floor. The conference in general is an opportunity for professional development. It's a busy time but I found it well worth it. At Dysart's next council meeting we will have the conference on as an agenda item for verbal update from those who attended."

One of the sessions Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy attended was called Shifting into Higher Gear: Processes to Streamline Planning and Development.

"I recently attended a dinner meeting with the Haliburton County Home-builders Association," Kennedy said in an email to the paper. "Their message of the need to streamline processes was one of the key messages I took away from that meeting. Although the presentation was more geared toward staff than politicians I still found the experiences of Bruce County implementing the 'lean process' which have substantially reduced the development application process to be worthy of further investigation. Township of Lake of Bays created a 'community planning permit' process that basically (if I interpreted the presenter's comments correctly) amalgamates all potential requirements for a predetermined type of development into one application."

Kennedy said he also got to see a project under development that would create an online development process, allowing staff and developers to monitor projects through the system.

"I suspect our staff are aware of these initiatives but now I am somewhat more aware of the potential savings in staff time, and lowering of permit time frames and developer frustration these types of initiatives can potentially have for Dysart if implemented here," he said.



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### Celebrating the bard

People are directed during the Grand March at the annual Robbie Burns Night on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. Presented by the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums, the event drew 100 people, who listened to the pipe band perform, watched the Mansfield School of Highland Dance dancers, bore witness to the march and address of the haggis by Jim Thompson. Also known as Burns Night, this event celebrates the life and the poetry of Scottish poet, Robert Burns who lived from 1759 to 1796. /DARREN LUM Staff



The Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums march in unison, playing at the annual Robbie Burns Night.



Jerelyn MacRae of the Mansfield School of Highland Dance performs the Seann Triubhas.



Mansfield School of Highland Dance dancers Lacey MacDonald, left, and Jerelyn MacRae perform the Highland Laddie dance.

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## Land trust receives \$10,000 donation

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust announced recently it had received \$10,000 from the Coral and Bill Martin Family Foundation. The money will go to the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve.

The land trust said the donation comes "when revenue from grants and fundraising is becoming more and more difficult to attract" and will allow them to start doing the work to open the new nature reserve to the public.

"On behalf of the board of [the land trust], and all of the residents of Haliburton County, we extend a heartfelt thank you to the Coral and Bill Martin Family Foundation for their generous donation. It will last a lifetime in partnership with the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve," a statement from the land trust said.

- Staff

# SPARC hopeful grant funding will continue

JENN WATT

Editor

Rural performing arts organization SPARC is coming to the end of its three-year Ontario Trillium Foundation grant, with committee members cautiously optimistic more funding will be coming.

SPARC, which stands for Supporting Performing Arts in Rural and Remote Communities, received more than half a million dollars in 2016 to create a provincial steering committee, establish performing arts community hubs and create an online communication network.

Chris Lynd, a board member of the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands and committee chairwoman for SPARC, gave a report on the project at the arts council's annual general meeting held at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Jan. 30.

She said SPARC works with creators, presenters, producers and community animators in small, rural areas of the province to help them with projects and connect them with each other. They have two staff positions. They've conducted outreach in three rural communities and have financially supported six communities with performing arts projects.

Lynd said the Ontario Trillium Foundation had been impressed with the work done by SPARC.

"Somebody from programming from OTF came to our SPARC symposium, and she was blown away by the work that was being done," Lynd said.

"Unfortunately right now, grants are on hold. You know that. You're hearing about the Ontario Arts Council cutbacks. You're hearing about OTF cutbacks," she said.

Although the committee is "a little bit worried" about funding, Lynd said they had faith the money would come through.

Lynd said the intention is for SPARC to become a truly provincial organization, which means one day its headquarters may no longer be in Haliburton.

Currently, they are planning the next symposium for 2020 and have several rural communities interested in hosting.

## Surplus funds

Arts council members heard that the organization is in good financial shape, with a surplus this year of \$33,036 and a surplus in 2017 of \$8,718.

Jim Blake, an arts council member who has been active with the organization for years, asked the executive whether there was a plan for the money.

"Has the board talked about what we might do with that nestegg? ... Does it get to the point where our funders, especially the Ontario Arts Council, looks at us and says, you are hoarding money and you don't need our money," he said.

Kate Butler, board chair, said there had been discussion about what to do with the money, but noted that the surplus existed because of services the arts council does for SPARC, such as bookkeeping and use of office space. However, it wasn't clear whether that relationship would be ongoing, which made it difficult to project revenues in the years to come.

Other executive members added that the money would be spent in accordance with the strategic plan, which includes modernize the website.

## Artists in the Schools

Students around Haliburton County continued to benefit from the Artists in the Schools program, which offered 64 workshops at all elementary schools. Seven artists gave instruction to 977 students. The program cost \$15,700 in the last fiscal year, funded through donations from the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association, Trillium Lakelands District School Board, the Rotary Club of Haliburton, Haliburton and District Lions Club and other private donations.

## Fashion Fallies fabulous

This year's Fashion Fallies event at Fleming College in November made a profit of \$2,400, arts council vice-chair Erin Lynch reported to the membership. Tickets were sold out a week before the event, which had more than 40 entries of wearable art.

An audience member asked, given the popularity of the event, if thought had been given to changing the location to one that could accommodate more people, or if the show could be repeated over two nights.

Lynch said at this time, it wasn't a bad thing to sell out a venue and organizers were comfortable with how it was operating.

## First writer in residence

Kate Butler gave a report on the Literary Arts Roundtable and the new Writer in Residence program. This year, thanks to multiple funders, novelist Frances Itani came to Haliburton, where she gave a talk, held workshops and one-on-one sessions with local writers. Butler said they hoped to grow the program in 2019.

## Meet and Mingle

The arts council organizes several groups of artists: the Performing Arts Roundtable, the Literary Arts Roundtable and the Visual Arts and Artisans Roundtable. These groups meet a couple of times a year to share ideas and network. On Fri-

day, Feb. 8, the arts council is holding an event to bring all of the groups together – open to all artists in the community – to meet and mingle at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton. The event includes food and drink and runs from 4 to 6 p.m.



## Out of the elements and into the gallery

The Elements II, the Rails End Gallery Members' Salon, is on now until March 16. More than 100 works by member artists are on display, giving visitors a charge of colour and light during a dark time of the year. The gallery is open Wednesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The artwork is for sale. You can also vote for the People's Choice Award. Admission by donation. Quilt in foreground, "Flying Colours," by Shelley Houser. /JENN WATT Staff

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*Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir*



by Darren Lum

## Picture perfect

THREE CHEERS FOR Luann Coghlan and the Highland Wood community for embarking on a mural project that has transformed a corner of the Haliburton long-term care home into a picture-  
esque farm scene.

I first saw images of Coghlan's artwork on Facebook, where she has shared her progress as she put in hours of time voluntarily. It looked good online, but in person, it's much more impressive.

A waterfall pours gently over a cliff-side in autumn. A couple sits side-by-side on a wooden swing, one offering the other a single daisy.

As the wall bends around the corner, a road emerges with a bright red classic sedan heading away, past a large white farmhouse, a pie cooling in the window.

The sky is blue, dotted with fluffy clouds. There's a pond with ducks. A barn with cows. And flowers everywhere.

On Thursday, I met with Luann and several supporters of her work from Haliburton Highlands Health Services including CEO Carolyn Plummer, volunteer co-ordinator Brigitte Gebauer and Highland Wood director of care Michelle Douglas.

They were all enthusiastic about the work that had been done, and hopeful the mural can continue to expand throughout the home.

In recent years, more attention has been paid to enhancing the physical environment of long-term care homes. The Butterfly Care Home project in Peel Region captured national attention following an article in the *Toronto Star*. The U.K.-based company transformed one floor of a long-term care home with bright colours and stunning artwork. The program, which is also about changing the approach to

care, was recently approved for five of the region's long-term care homes.

Closer to home, Peterborough Regional Health Centre posted a video in January of artists transforming the C3 in-patient unit with bright, familiar images, such as a barber shop, farm fields and blooming flowers.

*Kawartha Lakes This Week* reports that at Lindsay's Victoria Manor, an artist has painted over some doorways with landscapes to deter residents with dementia from entering rooms they shouldn't be.

The hope is that murals will make these institutional environments seem warmer, friendlier and more interesting.

At Highland Wood, the residents have shown an active interest in the art. They've supervised Luann as she worked, reminisced about the past, and kept up with progress. Some have put in requests for what she should paint outside their rooms.

When I visited last week, it didn't take long before a resident named John came to take a look. The cars on the mural got him talking about his own car. Later, a resident named Emerson joined us to share his memories, also inspired by that car.

Luann said she thought painting a specific location would give people a destination as they walk down the corridor. Instead of going to the end of the hall, they're going to see the farm.

Although she's already put in 80 hours of her time, Coghlan said she's planning to continue, with designs in the works for other hallways.

HHHS is looking for other artists to volunteer their time making Highland Wood more vibrant and engaging. Give Brigitte Gebauer a call if you think you could help out: 705-457-1392 ext 2927 or Gebauer@hhhs.ca.



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## Editorial

## Chip salad

I'M NOT GOING to lie. My friends are really, really good cooks. If you've been following my articles over the years you will know this already. We started having potluck dinner parties (at least once a week) 30 years ago.

In the beginning we had what we called "leftover nights" and people brought what they had. Then kids started coming and for a while we met once a week at a local restaurant, and we still do that sometimes. Gradually we all just kept cooking good food and our potlucks just got more and more delicious. Some of us are currently egg, gluten, dairy or sugar free. Some only eat meat and vegetables and some are vegetarians. We're good at working around everyone's needs and we all really enjoy learning and experimenting.

I personally specialize in soups and salads. Others specialize in Indian, Thai, Mediterranean, Cajun, raw, Greek, Italian, vegan, etc. A lot of love has gone into our meals over the years and we have thousands of stories that have been shared. What I love most about our gatherings is there's never any pressure. People always appreciate whatever is brought.

I was listening to radio at noon on CBC last week and the call-in show was about a movement called "crappy food." The theme of the discussion was that the most important aspect of a dinner party is the sense of community and the friendship and conversations that happen. More about the experience, less about the food. The users of

the "crappy food" movement suggest that if people get too caught up in preparing the perfect house and meal, the event becomes stressful and less likely to happen. And that is just no fun.

They suggest that it is OK to serve simple meals and really just ensure the bathroom is clean. The rest of the house should look lived in, especially if there are kids. I think my friends and I have been ahead of our time with this. Our houses are often messy and our food can be really simple and delicious.

Of course there are situations when people have more time and prepare something more gourmet. It is always received with love, whatever is made.

My friend's mother "D" taught us a great lesson a few years ago. D makes "chip salad" for her grandchildren when they visit. Three bags of chips mixed together in a bowl.

We started copying that tradition and so for example, today Jim and I are travelling to pick Madeline up from her weekend visit to Queen's University.

We have no time to cook for the Super Bowl party that will happen tonight. Everyone understands and doesn't expect us to bring anything. This is where the chip salad comes in. Easy. Loved. And what is especially great is that I stopped to get

gas and came across a brand of spicy chips from Mexico! Hot pepper and lime chips. I can't wait to share them with everyone. I know they will be a hit! And they will fit perfectly with the chili and salads that are being served. Long live the chip salad and the potluck dinner!

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# points of view

## The incredible shrinking man

LAST WEEK I went in for a routine doctor's appointment. Like so many, I entered the examination room without a worry in the world and drove home pondering unsettling results.

While I was waiting for the doctor to attend to me, I couldn't help but do something that was best left to medical professionals. Yes, I measured myself against the height chart.

I knew I shouldn't have. After all, I am not a doctor. But I had seen this done enough on TV to know I could probably pull it off without any loss of life or serious injury.

I measured myself twice actually – but only because when I get bad news I always want a second opinion. It was the same both times, I determined that I was five-foot-two and a half.

This was a dramatic change from the last time I measured myself a few years back. Back then I was five-foot-three and a half.

I was so taken aback that I had to ask myself the obvious question, "When did I go from being freakishly tall to just plain tall?"

Frankly, I thought it must be some kind of mistake. So when I got home, I told the story to Jenn and then promptly measured myself again – this time in front of a credible witness.

This is when things went from bad to worse. It turned out that I had lost another half inch between the doctor's office and home. I looked at Jenn a little nervously and said, "Does it look like I'm getting shorter to you?"

She looked me squarely in the eyes and said, quite reassuringly, "Of course not."

This would have been easier to accept had she not been kneeling.

And just like that it occurred to me that I must actually be shrinking. The funny thing is once I accepted that, it didn't bother me. Mostly because I realized it was simply a case of the glass being less than half full or more than half empty.

There and then, I decided to approach this phase of my life with a highly realistic outlook – I admitted that, if this keeps up, one day I will be short. And should that day ever come, I will not be in denial.

I even began to plan for it.

A bit of math showed in no uncertain terms that I had lost 0.65 per cent of my height in the two hours between measuring myself at the doctor's office and home. I therefore determined that, at this rate of shrinkage, I would be able to put a saddle on the dog and ride through town in less than 10 days and take a bath in a teacup in about a month. The upside is that I will also be able to take trophy fish photos with fish from my bait bucket.

Scientifically speaking, of course, I know all these predictions aren't exactly accurate. For one thing, my results do not take into account any shrinkage due to the recent cold snap we have endured.

I may not be a medical professional, but I know that much.

I figure, I've got 20 days to make that saddle.



### Loon Tales

steve  
galea



### pic of the past

This week's Pic of the Past was submitted by Pat (Dart) Smyth. It's at the home of her grandparents John and Annie Dart on the corner of Park and Pine streets. The photo was taken about 1917-18. Back row: Grenville Dart, Annie (Moon) Dart, John Dart, Phyllis Dart, Robert Dart. Front row: Russell Dart, Leonard Dart.

### letters to the editor

## A winning team

To the Editor,

Re: "Skyline bonspiel reaches 60th year," Haliburton Echo, Jan. 29

It was enjoyable to read the article about the history of the Skyline bonspiel. A continuous event for 60 years that involves participants from far and wide is a community accomplishment that is not often repeated.

I want to note however that the year I skipped the winning team there were additional play-

ers other than myself and Dave Gray. Dave and Bob MacNaull were the front end of the team and Murray Kuno who entered our rink threw vice stones.

As to the competitive nature of the event, there were no stronger curling competitors than these three. I was there to mop up. We had a great time with good camaraderie and fun.

David M. Bishop  
Haliburton

## Selfless acts abound

To the Editor,

The heartfelt appreciation from the Gourleys (Letter, Haliburton Echo, Jan. 29) for selfless Haliburton road-side help is a lovely and common story in this area. Last summer a shredded tire caused me to pull to the side of Hwy 118, five minutes from home. As I was standing by the car sur-

veying the problem, and was about to walk to the nearest house to use a phone to call CAA, a pick-up pulled up beside me and the driver climbed out. He used his phone to call CAA, drove me and my groceries home, carried the bags into the house, drove me back to my disabled car, denied

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## BOONIEVILLE



# Once Upon a Train to Montreal

WHY, IF OL' Maybelle didn't hop on a train in the dead of winter, don'tcha know. It wasn't the TRAIN that I found so challenging, although I do have some words to say about that. It was driving to the VIA station in Belleville from Lake WhaddayathinkImean on slushy roads with poor visibility, that rattled this ol' gal like a pair of maracas.

Well, I did it! But, in the process, I aged 20 years, which puts me at 170. Fortunately, I'm told I still don't look a day over 169.

So, why Montreal? Why now? Why when my pipes had been frozen for the second time this winter, I was walking around on grippers affixed to the bottoms of my boots (too many of my pals were falling down and breaking limbs, and I don't mean the ones on trees), plus my cozy cottage kept pleading with me to stay home? Have you ever seen a cottage plead? Why, it's downright embarrassing!

But, ol' Maybelle was determined to get to Montreal despite bad weather for one reason only...my god-granddaughter, Jazimina, was performing at a top comedy club in downtown Montreal, her grandmother (my lifelong friend, Zena) was too ill to attend, and her mother, Sheena, was in Florida. There was no way I was going miss being there for her.

Now, VIA Rail and ol' Maybelle hadn't travelled together in over 50 odd years, (and they were very odd if you ask me). Why the last time we exchanged hellos I was taking a trip to that same great city in the heat of summer...many moons before every Tom, Dick, and Mary became attached to digital devices. And back then, I sat in coach. Now, being an ol' white haired gal, I figured I'd spend a bit more (I also got a senior's discount) and travel in comfort.

So, there I was in the business class car. Well, business class, Shmisiness Class ... where in the world were the seat belts? Why are there no seatbelts on trains? We've got seat belts in cars and airplanes. And I'll tell you, I sure would have felt a whole lot safer with one of them hugging me around the middle,

because the train ride was downright BUMPY!

Now, I know I'm showing my age because it sure didn't seem bumpy when I was a younger gal. But, now, every bump made ol' Maybelle jump. And every time I jumped, the three young men sitting in our four seat cluster ... one to my right and the other two across from me...rolled their eyes with a look like: Who is this creature from the planet OLD?

Now, when I say, bumpy, here's what I mean: At one junction I just about drowned in my soup! Why was everyone in my temporary hood so cool, calm, and connected?

I had also chosen a window seat, so asking the young man seated beside me to disconnect his umpteen digital devices so ol' Maybelle could go powder my nose was not going to happen. I was already on his "kill" list for accidentally spilling water on his brand

new Tom Clancy novel.

Finally, we pull into VIA station in downtown Montreal. I've got two bags on four wheels and need to find the ladies room immediately. Then, I traipse outside where it's freezing cold and shiver my way into a long line of other travellers who also need a taxi.

As it happened, three trains that had been delayed (mine included) all pulled into the station at the same time. Plus, due to the bitter cold, a whole whack of local Montrealers also needed taxis. Sooooo, only one taxi at a time dribbled into the station to pick us up.

Why, when I finally got to my digs (that's a hipster term Jazimina taught me, meaning where I'd be staying) I kissed the air with joy. Two hours later when I arrived at the club, Jazi (that's my nickname for her) ran up to me with a hug that could melt butter.

Oh boy, she was funny that night. And, how I admire all those Montrealers who came out in sub-sub-zero weather to share some good hearty laughs and a twinkle that somehow stayed in our eyes.

*Maybelle's Fireside Stories* is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon," is available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

Maybelle's



Fireside stories

# Paying it forward

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payment, and waited with me for the CAA. At that point I didn't need him to wait, but I couldn't discourage him from doing so. All this time he carried on his business from his vehicle and refused to leave until he saw me pull away with the repair safely accomplished. I was touched and very grateful.

If a public sign were to be erected to honour all the kind and generous folks in this area who put aside part of their day to help others, the size of the sign required would block the sun. My rescuer told me that he'd been the recipient of help in the past when he needed it, and was in turn simply paying it forward. His name is Ryan Griffin, he owns a local business, and along with so many others, he is a roadside hero. Thank you.

Margery Cartwright  
Haliburton Highlands

## Pines

Thread of black River unspooling beneath  
moonless Sky,  
ink clouds swallowing its glow.  
Snow the only light I see, drifting through Air,  
thick as fur,  
blurring the path in front of me,  
that curves where the River swerves,  
the pines looming like shadows, Sky molting Snow,  
as I decide whether to clomp back towards the road or  
let Snow guide me,  
trusting that my feet will lead my eyes,  
will feel the path winding beneath Snow,  
like a frozen River that still flows deep beneath its  
sheath of ice.  
I peer through the spaces between snowflakes  
tumbling down,  
like the pauses between heartbeats,  
watching some of them collide, others  
whirling sideways,  
some seem in a rush to reach the ground,  
while others float slow as feathers through Air that  
cradles their flight.

I begin to plod my way through the Snow,  
towards the pines that welcome me like a sanctuary,  
or a shrine, during daylight,  
when Sun ignites Snow that drips off their branches  
like candle wax,  
cloaking my spirit that sometimes wilts or quivers  
this time of year.

A flurry of fear swirls through me,  
because now it is night,  
and not even this kaleidoscope of Snow  
can muffle the uncertainty,  
the hesitation in each step, as my eyes no longer  
see a sanctuary,

but the jagged silhouettes of giant shadows,  
hovering over me like unspoken thoughts or the  
faceless strangers in dreams,  
that jolts me into awakening.

My feet goad me on, following the path  
buried by Snow,  
through this tunnel of trees, only Snow and my Breath  
to keep me company,  
the River's voice silenced by ice.  
I glance up at Sky, at the half moon no longer held  
captive by clouds,  
its glow veiling the tops of pines,  
changing the shadows back into a shrine,  
as I heave my way through the Snow,  
the fraying thread of my Breath  
leading me Home.

Sylvie Kalenda



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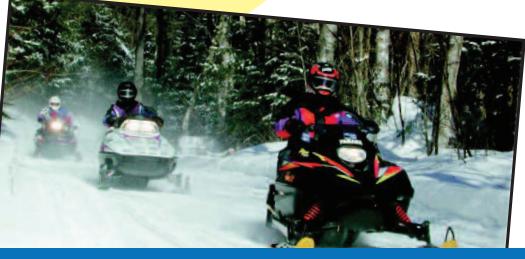
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# Councillors have more questions on transit

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Staff Reporter

Haliburton County councillors have more questions regarding transit after receiving a public transportation implementation plan from consulting firm IBI Group.

The county hired the firm in June of last year for \$50,000 to complete the plan after putting out a request for proposals earlier in the year, and received a presentation on its final version from consultants during a Jan. 23 council meeting.

Challenges facing the county when it comes to transportation are its aging population, a sparse population within a large geographic area, and dispersed travel patterns that are difficult to serve.

"Not surprising, but I want to really emphasize them," consultant Chris Prentice told councillors.

Prentice said an advantage of a demand-based system is that it can adapt and change based on the needs demonstrated by residents.

"It's able to better serve the varied travel needs of the community," he said.

Prentice said it was preferable for the county to start simple, judging the uptake on the system before devising anything too complex or employing new or expensive technologies.

"You want to walk before you run," he said. "You want to make sure the service is used first, before you start adding to it."

The recommended model for a transportation system in Haliburton County is a booked, shared ride service, where users would call or go online to book rides. The core service area identified by the firm would be the area in and around Haliburton Village and a large chunk of Minden Hills township – essentially the part of the county containing Minden, Carnarvon, West Guilford and Haliburton Village.

"They provide the best basis for getting good use of the system," Prentice said.

Other options included service to Wilberforce and Dorset as well, and the preferred option previously identified by county council included some service to each of these locations. The estimated costing presented to councillors was for "Option D," which included six-day-a-week service, with service 12 hours per day. A chart included in the implementation plan showed six hours a day allotted for service in the core area, three for service to Wilberforce, and three to Dorset. It is estimated there would be approximately 3,100 rides per year, or approximately 10 per operating day.

"That's based on service in similar operations," Prentice told councillors.

The recommended model would include the county contracting out the actual transportation and booking of rides to a private company, and the consulting firm's estimate for that cost was \$60 per hour. It's also recommended that the county hire a full-time staff person to assist with managing the system, handling promotion and community feedback, etc. Including those costs, as well as costs for a database, marketing and communications, it's estimated the annual cost for running the system would total approximately \$295,000.

Prentice told councillors the county could likely receive about \$125,000 per year in provincial gas tax funding to help offset the cost of the system, however that would need to be confirmed with the Ministry of Transportation. Also, to be eligible for provincial gas tax funding for transit, the county would have to commit to operating the system for a five-year time period. Provincial gas tax trans-

portation funding is not allotted for trials or pilot projects. Factoring in gas tax funding and other offsets such as anticipated user fares, the consulting firm estimates the cost for the county would be approximately \$140,000 per year. For 2019, were a system to be put in place in the fall, the estimated cost would be approximately \$80,000.

Should the cost charged by a contractor be \$70 per hour instead, the estimated cost that would fall to the county per year would increase to approximately \$160,000.

Councillors expressed some concerns and skepticism with the proposed plan.

"I can't tell you how much I want this to work, but I still have problems with the logistics," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt.

As she has in the past, Moffatt noted that in order to use any transportation system, residents who live on private roads would have to first make it to pick-up points on public roads. Moffatt asked Prentice how the county was supposed to go about planning for that.

"That's a very difficult answer to be honest about it," Prentice said. "The fact of the matter is, you can't start going down side roads and private driveways."

Prentice said trying to provide that kind of service would at least double the cost estimates in the plan, and said it would be up to residents to get themselves to public roadways in order to be picked up.

Moffatt also posited that, in order for someone who had, say, a medical appointment at 10 a.m., it may require getting on the bus at 6:30 a.m., with other stops for other people along the way. She questioned how many people would actually use the system given that type of situation.

"Are we creating a problem by crippling ourselves at the front end?" Moffatt asked.

"That's exactly why you need a county person to manage the service, to manage these requests," Prentice said.

County planner Charlsey White said later in the meeting that theoretically, a company contracted by the county would have a fleet of vehicles, so it wouldn't necessarily be a matter of always relying on a single vehicle.

"Don't think of it as a bus that you're going to have running around the county, think of it as time," White said.

One assumption in the plan that seemed to raise the eyebrows of Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts and Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy was the inclusion of the DYMO bus – an accessible shuttle owned by the Municipality of Dysart

et al – in the county system, whether that be by purchase or donation of the vehicle.

Prentice said the model the firm was proposing would replace the service provided by the DYMO bus.

"It feels like this report is sort of depending on the bus that we own and operate," Roberts said. "I think we need to take Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin's suggestion that if a county-operated system was going to benefit entities such as Haliburton Highlands Health Services by transporting people reliant on the specialized transit services they provide, that there should be some chipping in on costs."

"If we start delivering people to them at a fraction of their rate . . . then those savings should accrue," Devolin said. "But we shouldn't have to carry the whole load."

"There is a huge elephant in the room in that a large area of the county is not going to be served," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Danielsen, referring to Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East, the county's two least populated, more outlying townships.

Highlands East does receive some service through Bancroft Community Transit and Devolin said he'd like to see Bancroft council involved in the conversation.

Councillors seemed to agree that in committing to a system, the county would be committing to unknown costs, since the figures in the plan are just estimates and that only by putting a system in place, can the county truly gauge the level of usage.

"I see this as a huge decision for us to make," Danielsen said, adding it would be up against a number of other substantial items during the county's upcoming budget considerations.

"If we go forward with this . . . those number charts are just guesstimates, big guesses," Roberts said. "I think we need to acknowledge that the cost could be much greater than what was even presented to us today."

"In theory, we'd be committing to an unknown," said Moffatt.

Noting that they still had numerous questions – "I think we could talk about this for the rest of this day, and probably half of tomorrow," Moffatt said – councillors decided they would submit questions to White for response. They will discuss the potential creation of a transportation system further during their budget deliberations.

## U-Links seeking project proposals

U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research is looking forward to their 21st annual Celebration of Research on Saturday, Mar. 23 at the Minden Hills Community Centre, and is already looking ahead for project proposals for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Twenty-two projects with Trent university in geography, environmental science, forensics and international development will be presented at this year's Celebration of Research on March 23 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The event will feature light refreshments, poster presentations, and a keynote address from Ray Letheren: a distinguished community and environmental advocate best known for his work with the Blue Bayfield Community Project, on the topic of translating research into action. U-Links welcomes all from the community to attend.

New this year, U-Links has decided to move up the start of project-planning and development for the 2019-2020 academic calendar. This will help them better match pro-

jects with students.

Interested organizations are encouraged to reach out to Amanda Duncombe-Lee, U-Links projects co-ordinator, via email (aduncombe-lee@ulinks.ca) or call 705-286-2411 to discuss potential projects for the future from now until June 30.

All organizations are eligible to develop project proposals, from small non-profits, to community associations, municipal working groups, and private businesses. U-Links hopes to hear from interested participants soon.

Interested organizations can search for examples of past research by keyword, subject tag, and research area via their new online database. The database includes a full screen map where users can view the locations of community-based research projects in Haliburton County. The direct link to the database can be found at <https://database.ulinks.ca>.



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Players battle for the puck during the second weekend of the Canadian Pond Hockey Championships.

## Highlands Nordic skiers capture podium finishes

Eight area Nordic skiers showcased great determination, braving the cold and their respective distances in the Muskoka Loppet held on Sunday, Jan. 27 at the Arrowhead Provincial Park in Huntsville.

Local doctor and avid Nordic skier Mike Armstrong of Haliburton led the way, as he finished first in the 50 to 59 age group for the 15 kilometre distance. Armstrong finished in 11<sup>th</sup> place overall.

Along with Armstrong, there were two other podium finishers from the area.

Carnarvon's Joleen Thomas finished in second place among females from 40 to 49 in the 15 kilometre distance. She finished 27<sup>th</sup> overall.

Armstrong's son Evan was just 10 spots behind his father in 21<sup>st</sup> overall and third in his age group (male age two to 13) in the 15 kilometre race.

Highlands skiers Joleen Thomas, left, Mike Armstrong and his son Evan proudly show off their medals from the Muskoka Loppet held on Sunday, Jan. 27 at Arrowhead Provincial Park in Huntsville. Mike finished first among competitors aged 50 to 59 for the 15 kilometre distance while Thomas finished second among female competitors aged 40 to 49 in the 15 kilometre race and Evan was third in his age group for male competitors up to 13 in the 15 kilometre race. Photo by Stuart Humphries.



Thomas came with her entire family to the competition, which included daughters Olivia, Violet, son Tristan and husband Stuart Humphries, who raced with his son.

Olivia finished seventh among competitors aged 12 to 13 and sister Violet finished tenth among competitors 10 to 11, both in the five kilometres distance.

In just his third Nordic race, Tristan finished fifth among competitors eight to nine and 44<sup>th</sup> overall in the five kilometre distance.

Mike Darlington put in the longest day with a time of 2:28:09 to cover the 30 kilometre distance. His time was good enough for 31<sup>st</sup> among 50 to 59 male competitors.

*Compiled by Staff*



### Masters take to the ice

A player stretches for a loose puck during the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships at the Pinestone on Feb. 2. This past weekend marked the second and final weekend of the tournament, and was the masters' division weekend. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



Friday night lights shined bright on the evening of Feb. 1 for the pond hockey games./KAREN LONDON Staff



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### Demonstrating skill

Above, Kita No Senshi Karate Dojo sensei Bob Deremo demonstrates for his students during grading on Thursday, Jan. 24 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. All of the students, who ranged in age from five to 15 years, earned their belts. Sensei John Black and sensei Logan McCready-DeBruin were also in attendance. /DARREN LUM Staff

Right, as sensei John Black looks on, Kita No Senshi Karate Dojo students Morgan Burke, left, and her sister Sophia spar during grading night.



Seven-year-old Parker Holden performs a side kick during grading. By the end, Parker earned his green belt. /DARREN LUM Staff

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### Students learn to use bo staff

Sensei Randy Horton of the Glencoe Budokan is a picture of focus while teaching the Bo Seminar on Sunday, Jan. 27 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. This event, which was hosted by the local dojo Kita No Senshi Karate Dojo, was sponsored by the Ontario Union of Martial Artists. Twelve students were taught basic techniques and advanced "Kihon," learned the kata: Sho No Bo and were provided a Kobudo Kumite demonstration. They came from Haliburton County and surrounding areas to use the martial arts weapon, the bo staff. /DARREN LUM Staff



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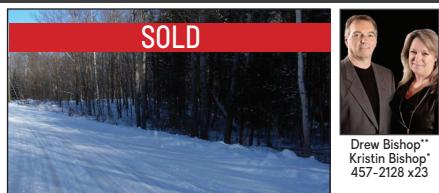
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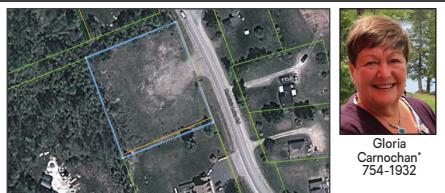
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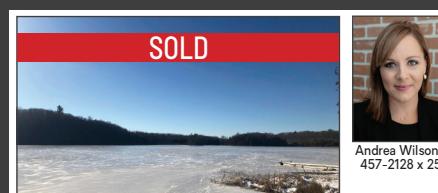
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# minor hockey

## Peewee Girls

The Leveque Bros/Rock Breakers Peewee girls Jets travelled to Lakefield to take on the Ennismore Eagles. First period started off tight with plenty of chances for both teams, steady goaltending by Kaylee Jessup held the Jets in, with a 0-0 score to end the first. With first place on the line and a bye to semi-finals the Jets came out flying in the second. First goal was scored by Lily Manning on a nice short-handed break away. Second goal was scored Maryn McMann, and assisted by Lara Gallant and Autumn Winder. Third goal was scored by Hope Trotter, assisted by Sydney Fergusson and Maya Woods, ending the second period with the Jets up 3-0. The girls added some insurance in the third with a goal by Fergusson, assisted by Trotter. With 1:21 left in the third, Trotter added a fifth goal, assisted by Riley Brownlee, bringing the final score to a 5-0 win for the Jets, clinching their spot in first place!

The Peewee girls Jets took on the Napanee Crunch on home ice. Napanee opened the scoring with two goals early in the first but the Jets battled back with a goal from Woods assisted by Jordyn Coe and Gallant ending the first with the Jets trailing 2-1. Just 1:36 into the second Trotter tied the game, assisted by Avila Townsend and Coe. Gallant added a nice hat trick in the third with two assists from McMann and assists from Coe and Winder, bringing the final score to 5-2 for the Jets!

The Leveque Bros/Rock Breakers Peewee girls Jets took on the Ennismore Eagles in Haliburton on Saturday, which resulted in another win for the girls! It was a close game with no score going into the third period but again Jessup was strong. First goal for the Jets was scored by Woods, assisted by Winder. Just a few minutes later Woods scored again assisted by Mable McCue-Dixon and Rane Osborne. With 2:33 left in the third, the final goal was scored by McMann and assisted by Winder, ending the game with a 3-0 win! The girls end regular season with 16 wins, three losses and three ties! Way to go, girls! Good luck in the championship round!

By Jenn Jessup

## Novice 1 LL

The Brightwoods Landscaping and Consulting Novice local league attended their first tournament of the season in Apsley Saturday, Jan. 26.

Game 1 was against Newcastle Stars and the Storm dominated the play throughout the majority of the game coming up with a 3-2 win. Brody Hartwig was presented with MVP of the game for his swift stick skills and landing three goals with assists from Jacob Sutton, Matthew Fairey and Benton Lloyd.

The second game versus Clarington Vikings was a hard action packed, evenly matched game with back and forth playing from both sides. Every Storm player fought hard with determination pulling out a 5-2 win. Zachary Prentice started off the scoring with the first goal and Hartwig continued to rack up his points with the next four goals.

Carter Knapton made many great saves to keep us in the game and Hunter Hamilton was honoured MVP of the game for his hard work in skating strong and controlling the play.

The third and final game was vs Bancroft Jets. Action was back and forth and Hartwig again showcased his unique abilities in obtaining the puck and skating around his opponents to secure another hat trick ending in a final score of 3-1. Hawksley Dobbins was named MVP of the game for his go get me attitude and proving size is no barrier! The crowd was loud and emotions were strong as the team celebrated their first tournament victory win! Teamwork is key! Every single player has their own unique set of skills they bring to this team and when the coaching staff can hone in on those specific abilities and use to the team's advantage it shows on the scoreboard.

Overall our defensive team of Prentice, Hawksley Dobbins, Gideon Borgdorff and Duncan Evans-Fockler maintained their presence at the blue line keeping play in the opponent's end throughout the tournament. They were also a strong force in our zone clearing the puck continuously to allow for forwards Hartwig, Hamilton, Fairey, Lloyd Sutton, Tyler Hughes, Cruize Neave, and Oakley Craftchick to move quickly into the opponent's end and create many scoring chances. Goalie Knapton made save after save throughout the tournament keeping Storm ahead on the scoreboard in all three games.

Way to go, Storm!

Brightwoods Landscaping and Consulting Novice LL team took on first place South Muskoka Fitzmaurice on

Saturday, Feb. 2 in Gravenhurst. Highland Storm started out very sluggish in the first period being down 2-0 at the end of the frame. Goalie Carter Knapton started out the second making some great saves which seemed to spark the offensive. Midway through the second, Brody Hartwig landed Storm's first goal of the game on a beauty breakaway. The defensive core of Zach Prentice, Gideon Borgdorff, Duncan Evans-Fockler and Hawksley Dobbins played an amazing second and third period keeping the puck out of our end.

Third period was action packed, at both ends of the rink. Hartwig landed two more goals earning another hat trick for the season. Storm came up short in a 4-3 loss. From the start of the year losing 10-0 to this team to now being within a goal shows how much effort and dedication these players have shown.

Cheer us on at the Minden arena Saturday Feb. 9 at 11 a.m. for our next local home game action and again Sunday, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. in Minden when we take on Huntsville Near North.

By Cheryl Smith

## Peewee A

On Feb. 2, JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A hosted the Durham Crusaders at the A.J. LaRue arena.

The Peewee A's played hard but the game ended in 6-2 loss. Goals scored by Austin Boylan and Colby Coumbs. The Peewee team will be back in action on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 11:45 a.m. in Oshawa to play the sixth and final game of the series.

By Amber Card

## Bantam

On Saturday, Feb. 2 the Peppermill Steak and Pasta House/Dollo's Foodland Highland Storm Bantams hosted the Shelburne Wolves for Game 2 in their play-down series. The Storm came out aggressively and trying to be the first on the board but after 15 minutes the score was still at zeroes for both teams. The Wolves managed to get on the board first and then scored a powerplay goal to put them ahead 2-0 going into the third. The Storm battled hard in the third but the Wolves scored another powerplay goal and another right at the end to take the game 4-0 and a 2-0 series lead. A great effort by all the players. The Storm head to Shelburne on Saturday, Feb. 9 to play Game 3 of the series.

By Lisa Delisle

## Midget

The Highlander and Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Storm Midgets moved onto the second round of playoffs against the Stayner Cyclones and won their first game 3-2 in Haliburton on Feb. 2. It was an action-packed, hard-hitting, fast-paced game. Both teams working hard for puck control. Gilbert got things going when he top cornered the first goal for the Storm, assisted by Morissette. Later in the first, Walker fed Gilbert and he did more of his magic and nabbed the second goal. Storm winning 2-0 at the end of the first period. Both teams came out flying in the second. With the Cyclones being down by two, they aggressively worked to get on the scoreboard. However, hats off to Gilbert who showed intense determination to fight through the defence and find the opening for the third Storm goal. With a three-goal lead, the Storm team eased off the pressure slightly and the Cyclones took advantage while on a power play, scoring two quick goals and making it a 3-2 game late in the second. The third period continued to be fast and aggressive with end to end action. The Cyclones tried to even it up, pulling their goalie but the Storm did their job and took the first game of the playoffs 3-2.

By Suzanne Haedicke

## TD Canada Trust Atom LL

With a hard game underway our LL TD Canada Trust Atoms hosted Huntsville this past weekend. Huntsville were quick to open to scoring but with no hesitations Ayden Chapman sent a beauty pass up to Ethan Rowe with Rowe taking a nice wrist shot from the hash marks and Logan Reid pounced on the rebound and scored top shelf.

During the second period Bryant Medlar was able to strip the puck away from Huntsville and sent Kamauhl

Cassey-Russel a nice pass and Cassey-Russel found the back of the net. In the third period with exhaustion setting in from missing players Chapman once again played the boards hard and sent a pass up to Rowe and he wound up rebounding the puck straight to Cassey-Russel to score again. The TD Canada Trust Atoms fought hard but were not able to pull out a win. Player of the game goes to Eric Bird.

The next and final game is hosted in Huntsville by Huntsville McDonalds.

By Chris McMartin

## Tyke LL

The Tom Prentice and Sons and Walker's Heating and Cooling Storm Tyke team travelled to Peterborough for their first two-day jamboree! The team played well together passing the puck around setting up many scoring opportunities for the entire team. After three games the Tyke Storm team scored a combined 45 goals and only allowed 15 against them. Nixon Ecclestone did Storm proud by winning the skills accuracy portion of skills competition out of 104 hockey players! Go Storm Go! Next game is at home Sunday in Haliburton at 1 p.m. where they will take on Huntsville.

By Marita Bagshaw

## Walkers Home Hardware

### Peewee LL

On Saturday, Feb. 2 the Walkers Home Hardware LL Peewees travelled to Gravenhurst to take on the Parry Sound Peewee team for the second weekend in a row. The Storm players were determined to have a different outcome and they certainly did. Both teams battle for the puck and neither team was able to put one in the net in the first period. It was Alex Hendry who scored the first goal of the game. Parry Sound was quick to follow with a goal of their own tying up the game. With eight seconds left of the period Nathan Harrison scored the second goal for the Storm. Parry Sound came back with two more goals in the third period putting them into the lead and giving them the 3-2 win. Next weekend come support them at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena when they take on the South Muskoka Peewee team Sunday at 5 p.m.

By Lisa Reinwald

## GJ Burtch Atom LL

On Saturday the GJ Burtch LL Atoms travelled to Huntsville to face the Huntsville McDonald's Atoms. The Storm would strike first when Isaac Borgdorff set up Eric Mueller in the first period. Although Huntsville would get a goal in the second period, the Storm would again take the lead when the Storm's Jacob Mantle went end to end and scored unassisted. Taylor Mulock was relentless on the puck, whether she was back-checking helping out the defence in our own end or fore-checking dictating the pace. Taylor's effort paid off when she scored in the third, assist going to Borgdorff. Final 3-1 Storm. Next up the Storm host South Muskoka on Saturday at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena.

By Jamie Lloyd

## Peewee Canadian Tire LL

Highland Storm LL Peewee Canadian Tire 2 game weekend.

The Highland Storm faced off against the Muskoka Bears Blakewood Construction in Haliburton on Saturday. The game was a tight run for goals but the Highland Storm took the lead in the third period to win the game with a score of 4-3. Carson Simms's goaltending kept the Highland Storm in the game and the goals by Ethan Thomas (two goals), Ethan Megrah-Poppe, and Haiden Bird, allowed the Storm to win the game.

The Highland Storm LL Peewee Canadian Tire then went to Gravenhurst on Sunday to face off against The Muskoka Bears CC Tatham. This game was a strong battle for both teams all game. At the end of the second the score was tied 1-1 but as the third period began the Muskoka Bears took the lead. The Storm tried to come back but unfortunately lost 2-1.

The Highland Storm LL Peewee Canadian Tire plays their next game on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 11:15 a.m. in Gravenhurst against the Parry Sound Gibson H&C.

By Shawn Guild



### Provincial competitors sweep into bonspiel

Teams from throughout the province made their way to the Haliburton Curling Club on Feb. 2 and 3 for the club's annual Todd's Invitational Mixed Bonspiel. Twenty-four teams competed. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

A skip plans his shot during the annual Todd's Invitational Mixed Bonspiel at the Haliburton Curling Club on Feb. 2 and 3.



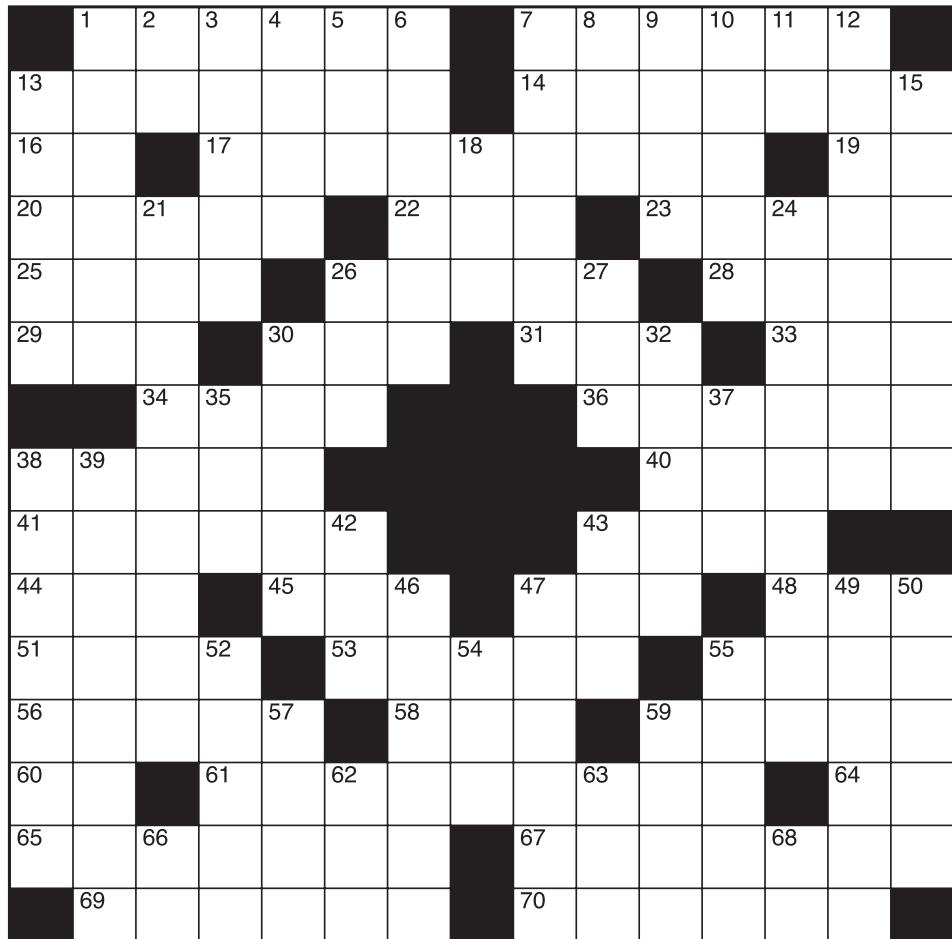
Sweepers approach the house during the annual Todd's Invitational Mixed Bonspiel.

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1. Got paid
7. Sets free
13. Domestic hybrid cattle
14. Quality of one's character
16. Doctor's helper
17. Not holding back
19. Type of degree
20. Short but severe
22. 007's creator
23. Linguistics icon
25. Large integers
26. Upset
28. Former
29. Peyton's younger brother
30. An Irish dance
31. Title of respect
33. Small lump
34. Baroque musical instrument
36. The third sign of the zodiac
38. The 1st letter of the Hebrew alphabet
40. A group of nine
41. Garment
43. Capital of Yemen
44. One point south of due east
45. Drain
47. Moved quickly
48. Bar bill
51. An idiot

53. Indicates silence

55. Protein-rich liquids
56. Samoan monetary units
58. "\_\_\_ your i's, cross your t's"
60. Potato state
61. Toy that spins around
64. Barium
65. Type of molding
67. Closes again
69. Sounds the same
70. Come into view

#### CLUES DOWN

1. Nix
2. Indicates position
3. Quantitative facts
4. Strong and healthy
5. Former measure of length
6. Dads tend to be this
7. Parts of a movie
8. An animal's foot
9. Expression of sorrow or pity
10. Saudi Arabian money
11. One billion gigabytes
12. Smallest musical interval
13. A rugged box (usually made of wood)
15. Cheese dish
18. An ugly, evil-looking

- old woman
21. Widely used
24. Makes into pages
26. Afflict in mind or body
27. Set up
30. Toilets
32. "Life of Jesus" theologian
35. A big deal on Wall St.
37. Western Thai people
38. Free from contamination

39. Type of dog
42. Revolver
43. High schoolers' exam
46. San Diego ballplayers
47. Hit the sack
49. Suitable for crops
50. Red mineral
52. Yellowish-brown
54. Lowest point between two peaks
55. Late TNT broadcaster
57. Thin strip to align parts
59. Swiss wind
62. A way to chill
63. Jewel
66. Rhodium
68. The top lawyer in the land

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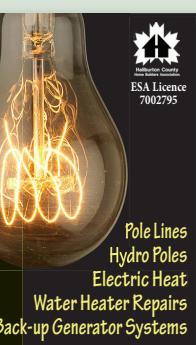
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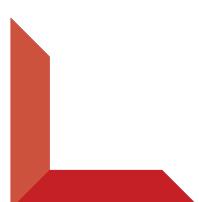




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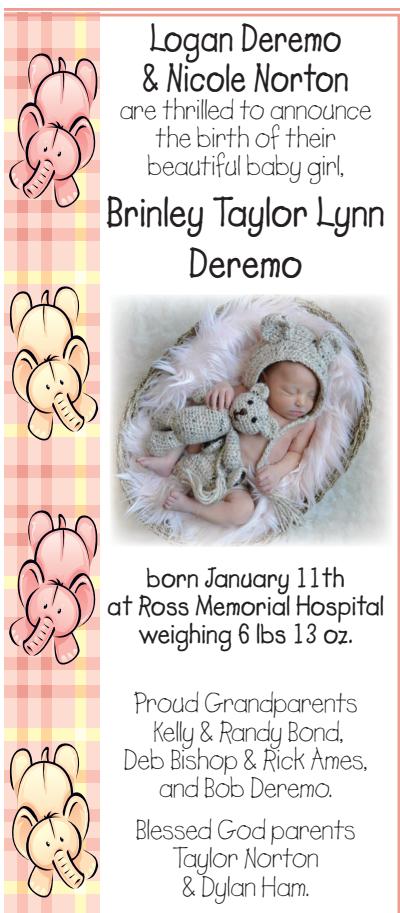
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## 650 OBITUARIES

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**Elizabeth 'Betty' Macdonald**

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Highland Wood LTC in Haliburton, Ontario on Monday morning, January 28, 2019 in her 90th year. Beloved wife of late John Macdonald for close to sixty years.

Loving mother of Jeanette (Joe) of Burlington. Fondly remembered by her granddaughter Leigh. Betty was the last surviving member of her family from Scotland. Also lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Betty worked in Banking for many years and was great with numbers. She enjoyed her retirement years in Haliburton, curling, square dancing, knitting, gardening and was very active in the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary. She was always interested in helping others.

**Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception**

Friends called at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Saturday morning, February 2, 2019 from 10 o'clock until time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Reception followed in The Community Room. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

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**CROSS, Brian George**

*Brian died peacefully at Freeport Health Centre of Grand River Hospital, Kitchener on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at the age of 88.*

Beloved husband of Sparkie, dear father of Doug (Rhonda) and Laura Widmer (Larry), stepfather of Paula Bonner, grandfather of Greg, Gillian, Victoria, Jeff, Lisa and Kevin and great-grandfather of Sophia, Ella and Isaac. Predeceased by his first wife Vicki, his parents George and Nora (nee Sullivan) Cross and stepson Brent.

Before retirement, Brian served as a professional forester for over 30 years. He was dedicated to his passion for stewardship of the province's forest resources on behalf of the citizens of Ontario.

A service to celebrate Brian's life will be held at the Erb & Good Family Funeral Home, 171 King St. S., Waterloo on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 2 p.m. with a reception immediately following in the funeral home's Fireside Room.

As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations to the Terry Fox Foundation may be arranged by contacting the funeral home at [www.erbgood.com](http://www.erbgood.com) or 519-745-8445.

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**Saunders; James "Jim" Thomas**

*Peacefully at the Springdale Country Gardens, Peterborough on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at the age of 81.*

Jim Saunders was the beloved husband of Mina Victoria Saunders (nee Winterburn). Loving father of Randy (Leisa), Roger (Lorraine), Shelley Powell (Doug) and the late Michael. Loved grandfather of Tyler (Melissa), Brittney (Jason), Ryan, Kayla, Megan, Victoria Manley (Ryan) and Sarah. Dear brother of Mary Harnden.

A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held at the R. C. Legion Br. 402, 9 King St. E., Millbrook on Thursday, February 7th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Memories of Jim will be shared at 1:00 pm. In memory of Jim, a donation may be made to Alzheimer's Society of Canada (Research) with appreciation from the family. A family interment will take place at the South Wilberforce Cemetery in the spring. Arrangements entrusted to the Fallis & Shields Funeral Home, Millbrook. Online donations and condolences may be made at [www.fallis-shields.com](http://www.fallis-shields.com).

**Louis Simon**

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Extendicare - Haliburton on Friday evening, February 1, 2019 in his 86th year. Beloved husband of the late Margaret Simon. Loving father of Cecilia (Chris Campbell) and Michelle (Stephen Oddy). Dear brother of Frank (Sandy), Helga and Peter (Brenda). Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Louis immigrated to Canada in 1953 and worked for Crown Cork & Seal and was a dedicated employee for over thirty years as an Engineer. He was the Amateur Middleweight Boxing Champion for Germany 1952, a passionate skier who was a Track 3 Instructor and worked as a volunteer with Canoe FM in Haliburton.

**Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception**

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Saturday morning, February 9, 2019 for Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Reception to follow in The Community Room. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Ontario Track 3 Ski Association or Proud Pioneers - Extendicare would be appreciated by the family.

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**Edith Mary Halpenny****(Nee Salvatori)**

Born, Haliburton, ON, March 23, 1938

Died, Brantford, ON, January 19, 2019

*Peacefully, at the Brantford General Hospital, with her loving husband of 47 years, Bill, at her side.*



Loving mother and mother-in-law of Bill Jr., and Aileen, and grandmother of Alyssa. Sister of the late Nelda, and greatly missed by siblings Leonard and Tony Salvatori of Haliburton and Eileen Adams of Thornhill, ON, as well as many cousins, nephews and nieces.

Funeral service will be held at Trinity Anglican Church, 12 Blair Rd., Cambridge, ON at 1:00 PM, Saturday, March 2, 2019. Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Alzheimer Society of Canada.

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THIS WEEK'S PRESS RUN—1806

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HALIBURTON, ONTARIO Thursday, February 8, 1962

## Work On Bridge Halted

We are informed that the old one, plans were somehow changed with the present outdated bridge being simply widened and no improvement being made to the approach.

We are of the opinion that such action has been taken because the members of the local Progressive Conservative association and the Dystart municipal council drew the matter to the attention of our local member, Hon. Leslie M. Frost, and we think they are to be commended for the speedy attention they gave this matter.

Mr. Frost apparently was not consulted on this subject and was unaware that instead of the fine new concrete structure we had been lead to believe would replace

### Haliburton YPC Elect New Exec.

The annual meeting of the Haliburton County Young Progressive Conservative Association was held at Bonnie View Inn on Friday, January 19 with 85 members in attendance.

Clayton W. Hodgson, M.P., and his wife were among the special guests attending.

The meeting opened with president Roy Windover in the chair.

After a delicious dinner and a lively sing song led by Robert Harvey Jr., president Roy called on the chairman of the nominating committee, Sinclair Nesbitt, to conduct this portion of the meeting.

Mr. Nesbitt presented the nominating committee's nominations from the floor.

The following are the officers of the organization for the year 1962.

President, Earl Palmer; first vice, Bill Scott; second vice, Glen Hodgson; third vice, Jean Jackson; secretary, Reg Hicks; treasurer, Murray Agnew; political action chairman, Roy Windover; membership, Sinclair Nesbitt; nominations, Oswald Snell.

### Huntsville Hawks Coming To Minden

Who remembers Eston Watt. Well nearly every hockey fan in Haliburton county. Watt was the flashy defense ace with the Monarchs a few years back when they were so close to the O.H.A. title.

The speedy defenceman will be returning to Minden on Monday night but this time he will be in the uniform of the Huntsville Hawks of the Muskoka OHA league.

Watt and the Huntsville team will be on hand to face off against the Minden Monarchs. Huntsville are the top team in their league while the Minden Monarchs are leading their tri-county league. So it should shape up for a good game with these two top hockey teams.

We might also mention that Aub Percival, former ace with the Sundridge Beavers is now playing for Huntsville.

So be on hand and see a great game at the Minden recreation centre this coming Monday night.

### Weather Report

Feb. 1 to 9 a.m. Feb. 7

Highest temp., 40 deg., February 4.

Lowest temp., 41 below, February 2.

Average max., 19.5 deg.

Average min., 17.9 below.

Coldest day, Feb. 1, maximum 4 deg. below.

Precipitation, snow, .5 in.

Feb. 2; rain .03 in. Feb. 5. 10 opponents, was feted for can curling, curling bonspiel,

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Highlight of the opening night festivities was the choosing of a carnival queen.

Pat Weiss, 15 year old Haliburton high school student,

who gained the nod over her

## Winter Car Rally This Saturday

We have just been informed that the British Empire Motor Club are getting ready for their annual winter car rally to be held on Saturday, February 10.

We have also been told they will use the phone at Stan Parish's Texaco service station near Haliburton. The checking crew will be using the phone about six times starting from about 8:30 a.m. The first car will be due at Haliburton about one hour later. It will be coming from Bancroft and passing through Eagle Lake to Highway 35. The checkpoint will be about three quarters of a mile east of Stan Parish's garage.

### Red Cross Dance Coming Up

The first big dance of the new year is scheduled for Friday, February 16. This is the night that the Haliburton Red Cross will stage their annual Valentine dance.

This has always been a great social event in the community and the dance committee are promising another good time this year.

Besides the dance a buffet supper will be served. Tickets are on sale at the Laurentian pharmacy at Haliburton. The admission price is \$2 per person.

Music will be supplied by Fred Clements and his orchestra. Don't forget the date, it's the Red Cross Valentine dance at the Legion Hall on Friday, February 16.

fellowship, Robert Harvey Jr.; publicity, Lyle McKnight.

Mr. Roy Windover briefly outlined his many activities as president of the Y.P.C.A. also as chairman of the east central district which takes in Y.P.C.A. as far east as Kingston. He then turned the chair over to Earl Palmer, the new president.

Mr. Palmer thanked the members for giving him this opportunity and briefly outlined his ideas on how he felt the Y.P.C.A. could best serve the party with an election eminent.



Kinsmen Deputy Governor Jake Brown recently visited the Kinsmen Club of Minden and present on the same evening at Bonnie View Inn was Roland Hunt, CKLY disc jockey. From left to right: Deputy governor Jake Brown, CKLY's Roland Hunt, Kinsman Alan Capon and president Norm Harrison.

### Band Classes To Start

There are openings for new players for practically every type of instrument in the Band of the Royal Canadian Legion at Haliburton.

A new class for beginners will be started next Tuesday evening at 8 p.m.

In order to help and encourage the new players, some of the regular members of the band have agreed to sit in on these lessons.

If you have a boy or girl who is musically inclined and would like to become a member of the band kindly contact the bandmaster, George Wheeler.

These classes are not only open to children, but adults are also invited to participate.

Mr. Palmer called on Mr. C. W. Hodgson for a few words. Mr. Hodgson congratulated Earl on attaining this office and urged all members to work together diligently. He outlined many of the achievements of the federal government during the past four years.

The Haliburton county Y.P.C.A. members would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Hodgson for taking time out from his many duties to favor us with his presence at all functions held to date by this Y.P.C.A.

### Minden Scouts See Leafs Play

Some 26 Scouts from Minden traveled to the Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, to see the Leafs down the Rangers in a dashing hockey game.

Drivers were Gary McKnight, Harold Morgan, Bill Prentice, Bob MacLroy in Shim's station wagon and their leader Lance Easton.

This trip was made possible by the sale of Christmas trees at the holiday time and they did so well that a balance of \$25 was turned into the Stanton fund.

The men who drove donated both their time and their cars and were certainly rewarded by the pleasure of the boys with them.

A word of thanks to all who helped in this fine time, enjoyed by all.

### Three Members Enjoy Week End At Camp

Last week end three members of the Christian Service Brigade boys' camp, namely Tom Bernie of Hamilton, Mr. Len Cassidy and his 16 year old son Gary of Toronto and Mr. Harold Smith snowshoed and skied into their camp on Deer Lake.

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## Student, 15, Chosen Minden Carnival Queen

This year's program, bigger and much improved over last year, was lengthened to three days. Last year the event was two days.

Even with the added day, many teams wishing to participate in the various events were disappointed, as their entries had to be returned. This was particularly true in the curling and broomball contests.

Entries for the broomball contests were so large that games had to be played on Friday night while the winter carnival queen was being chosen. Originally it had been planned to hold the competition for two hours in the afternoon.

Official Opening

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Highlight of the opening night festivities was the choosing of a carnival queen.

Pat Weiss, 15 year old Haliburton high school student, who gained the nod over her

the next two days.

In contrast to last year's event when several events had to be canceled because of lack of snow, this year there was an abundance of the powdery white stuff.

The carnival opened with

old fashioned sleigh rides for the kiddies, judged by the

lineup in front of the temporary carnival headquarters

office across from the Rockcliffe hotel. The event was a

most popular one among the younger fry.

At the opening night dance the naming of the carnival queen took precedence over all other activities.

Broomball Game

While an estimated 400 persons witnessed the crowning, a handful of spectators were downstairs at the community centre watching a broomball game between Minden Hydro and a team from the Haliburton high school.

After two overtime periods, the score was still deadlocked 0-0. The teams went at it again on Saturday.

Saturday's program included ice fishing derby, jam

of huskies and dog sled.

Immediately following the opening ceremonies, the tea making contest in the snow, figure skating exhibition, slalom ski races, snowshoe races, cutter rides, dog sled races, a moccasin dance and a hockey game between Minden and Keswick.

Cup of Tea

Contestants were required to light fires, boil their water, and the first to present

MPP Leslie Frost with a

good cup of tea was adjudged the winner.

First woman's prize was a 16-piece tea set donated by Salada Tea Co. First man's prize was a picnic table donated by Beaver Lumber, of Lindsay.

Visitors started arriving in the village early Friday. Wynn Lahay, carnival secretary, said all hotel rooms were fully booked for the three days. She said that many resort operators in the area who normally stay open in the winter months also reported an excellent volume of business.

Many visitors from Toronto, Peterboro, Belleville and Oshawa flocked to the village for three days of games and gaiety.

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Enjoy waterfront living on peaceful Mirror Lake. 3BR 4PC bath home with full basement & walkout to the lakeside. FAO Heat, stone woodburning fireplace and a lower level woodstove keep it toasty warm. Sunroom, 2 decks, pretty & convenient location.

**\$289,000**

**CONTAU LAKE LOT**

1.3 Acre lot, level at the road & gently sloping to quiet lake with a Crown Island and acreage across the lake. Private road, plowed, year round access. Hydro & phone available

**\$179,000**

**WIGAMOG ROAD LOT**

Excellent building lot, treed & 285 ft frontage for privacy. Minutes to Haliburton Village. Sewer hook up required for building. Great family or retirement location.

**NEW PRICE \$35,900 PLUS HST.**

**PAUDASH LAKE PERFECT**

Perfect year-round, turn key family cottage or home. Large lake, private 4 BR, 2 Bath sits at water's edge. Hard sand beach, use of 30 Acre forest across the road. Sunroom, southern view, great rentability, many upgrades & meticulously cared for.

**\$649,000**

**Real Estate Update**  
**How can you justify price?**

**QUESTION:** How can you help me to price my home correctly?

**ANSWER:** Pricing is the most vital element in the selling process. Experienced Realtors like us know what's going on. We KNOW what Sellers are really getting for homes like yours. Pulling an abnormally high price out of a hat may be one thing, but that price has to be justified. We can prepare a Comparative Market Analysis to convince any doubtful prospect that your home is worth what we are asking. We can cite similar homes that have gone for this price... or more. That's why you'll get the best possible price by selling with our TEAM!